

Photo — courtesy Dinosaur National Monument

Allosaurus (foreground), a large meat-eating dinosaur measuring 30 feet in length and weighing several tons

"What does the actual word 'dinosaur' mean?" Edward Meyer asked.

"It means 'terrible lizard,'" Linda replied, "and I think that is an apt name to describe these prehistoric reptiles which vanished from the earth ages ago.

"Dinosaur bones were first discovered near Jensen in 1909 by Earl Douglass of the Carnegie Museum. Since then, 26 nearly complete skeletons have been recovered, with 10 dinosaur species represented. The longest skeleton, that of the *Diplodocus*, was 84 feet, and the shortest was seven feet. Many of the bones have been assembled as complete skeletons and placed in museums. A dinosaur skeleton can be seen at the University of Utah.

"In the Dinosaur Quarry, rock layers have been removed to expose the bones. Several partial skeletons have been exposed and can be seen by visitors. Recently, the National Park Service erected a large Visitor Center at the Dinosaur

Quarry, which protects the fossil dinosaur bones from the weather.

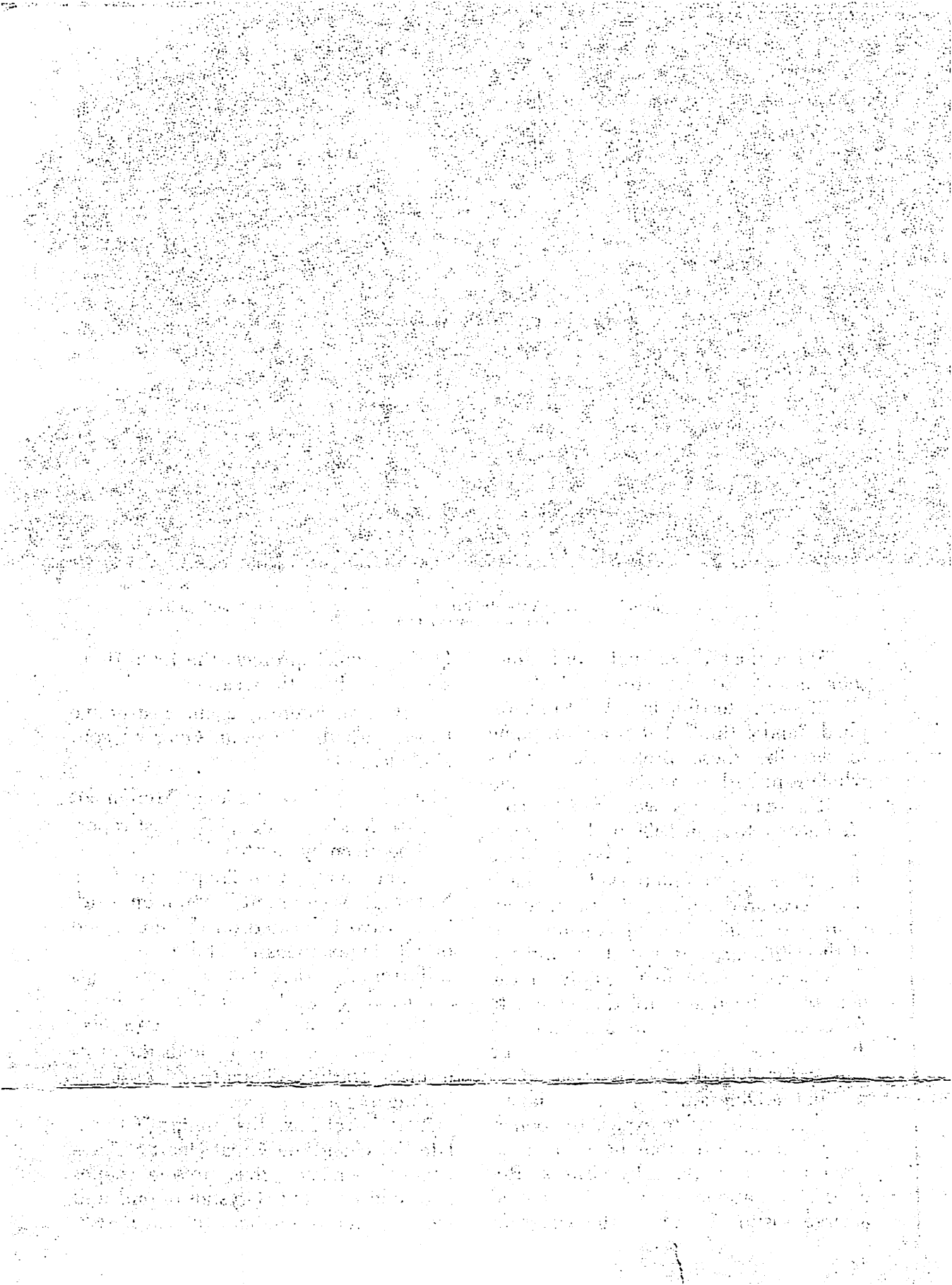
"It is an interesting and instructive trip to visit the Dinosaur Quarry," concluded Linda.

Timpanogos Cave National Monument

Mr. Madsen stated, "Our last report will be given by Stephen."

"I am to report on Timpanogos Cave National Monument," Stephen said. "This cave is located on the north end of Mt. Timpanogos in Utah County. A trail from American Fork Canyon winds for a mile and a half up the steep side of the mountain to the cave's entrance.

"When one enters, he finds the awe-inspiring beauty of another world unfolding before his eyes. There are the dainty 'Jewel Box,' the shining 'Chocolate Falls,' and the 'Great Heart of Timpanogos' — names given to the shapes nature has created. Crystals of pink and white glisten throughout the cave. p44



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"Linda, we'll have your report now, please," stated the instructor.

"My report is on a national monument which differs greatly from those already discussed," she said. "I am to tell you about the Dinosaur National Monument, which contains nearly 330 square miles lying in Utah and Colorado. However, its important feature is the Dinosaur Quarry, located six miles north of Jensen, which is near Vernal." p. 43

Fossil dinosaur bones uncovered at Fossil Quarry, Dinosaur National Monument near Vernal, Utah

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